

April 2022

Dear Parishioner,

Prayers and Blessings as you continue the spiritual renewal of our lives through this Lenten season. Just like the spring rains, the Church nourishes us with the Word of God, Eucharist and the Sacrament of Confession to bring forth abundant fruits through our lives. It is also an opportunity for us to reflect upon the suffering and death of Jesus to save us and think about how our sufferings are redemptive through His grace. I want to ask you in particular to pray with the whole Church for the people in Ukraine in the midst of their terrible sufferings; that the Lord give them strength and help the leaders to end the war.

We are having our Parish Mission in the coming week (March 28, 29, 30) in the evenings from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Let us come together as a family to listen, pray and nourish ourselves in preparation for the Holy Week and Easter. I want to encourage in particular to make use of the opportunity during this Lent to make our annual confessions. This sacrament is a great reservoir of God's merciful love and grace.

As you have already heard, we are getting ready to elect new members to our parish council. It is a great opportunity to serve our Lord through the gift of our lives and talents. Our parish is at a critical juncture after our merger to become a new and vibrant faith community. We need new thinking and creative ways to become the witnessing and evangelizing Catholic parish in West Allis. Some of us may think that "I am not the right person." But think about how Jesus chose his apostles. None of them were qualified in the eyes of the society. When the Lord called them, He empowered them and they became great leaders and continued the mission of the Lord. Listen to the calling of the Lord and respond to him through this great ministry to the Church.

As we approach the Holy Week and Easter, I invite you to prayerfully enter into the richness of these celebrations to renew and strengthen us in our faith. Thank God we are slowly seeing the pandemic ending. Let us make every effort to come to Church. I know some of us are physically not able to attend these services and celebrations. Please feel free to contact the parish and we can reach out to you and support you.

I entrust you all under the care and protection of our Mother of Perpetual Help. I pray for all your intentions and ask you to bless me with your prayers.

With Love,

Fr. Matthew Perumpil, MI